

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application and stand allowed by the Office Action of October 31, 2005.

The Drawings filed on October 14, 2003 are objected to by the Examiner, specifically items 604, 636 and 330. Applicants herewith amend Drawings items 604, 636 and 330, and the specification paragraphs [00027], [00035] and [00039] to more clearly recite Applicants novel invention. No new matter has been added.

Drawings Objections

Item 604

The Office Action states that item 604 is not mentioned in the description. Applicants respond.

FIG. 6 describes a rotating shaft design (see Applicants specification par. [00041]). Likewise, the spindle motor described in FIG. 2 describes a rotating shaft design, and further shows counterplate 222 positioned adjacent to and otherwise supported by sleeve 230. Applicants submit that one skilled in the art of spindle motors would recognize item 604 as a counterplate, similar to the counterplate of FIG. 2, the counterplate 604 also being positioned adjacent to the sleeve.

Thus, Applicants herewith amend the specification paragraph [00039] to more clearly identify the item 604 as a counterplate, analogous to the counterplate of FIG. 2.

Item 636

The Office Action states that item 636 is not mentioned in the description.

Applicants herewith cancel item 636 as it appears in originally submitted FIG. 6. Journal bearing 622 sufficiently identifies the respective item. Replacement FIG. 6 omits item 636.

Item 330

The Office Action states that item 330 has been used to designate both a first capillary and a sleeve. Applicants submit this it being obvious that two different items were intended, FIG. 3 is

herewith amended to show the first capillary as item 331. Applicants specification, paragraphs [00027] and [00035] are correspondingly amended to describe the first capillary as item 331. No new matter is added.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the Drawings and claims 1-18 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in moving the case forward, please contact the undersigned at Tel. (310) 312-1500.

Respectfully submitted,
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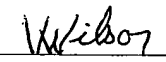
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